## **Hamlet Street Improvement Project**

## Weinland Park Neighborhood Meeting January 10, 2005

The Hamlet Street Improvement Project, funded with UIRF dollars in 1998, has been through several revisions during the engineering phase. New ADA sidewalk width recommendations and new handicap ramp standards have resulted in redesigning the original project. Adding to the task is the existence of retaining walls abutting the sidewalk slated to be demolished and replaced. In most cases, this will lead to rebuilding the wall in a different location – outside of the City right-of-way. All in all, the costs will rise from \$160,000 to more than \$800,000.

A proposed alternate was presented at the meeting calling for spruce up work on Hamlet Street (saving the sandstone curbs) instead of a full reconstructed streetscape and additional curb and sidewalk work further east and west on intersecting streets. A construction timetable was also presented.

The group's discussion centered on their desire to focus on improving pedestrian movement throughout Weinland Park for the existing residents, especially the children walking to school. Priority was shifted to the work east of North Fourth Street as the most important, Hamlet Street work as second in importance and lower priority to the work as one moves to the west.

The engineering effort will be adjusted to focus on the building of a new sidewalk on East 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue as the top priority. After initial review of the site, a determination will be made on how long it will take until construction.

A revised map is available reflecting the new priorities. See below . . .

